

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (currently amended) A multistage process for the continuous production of an emulsion comprising as a dispersed phase, a molten adduct of magnesium dihalide-Lewis base, the process comprising subjecting at least two immiscible liquids to a sequence of at least two mixing stages carried out in at least two successive stator-rotor devices each comprising at least one rotor disk and at least one stator, the at least one rotor disk having a peripheral velocity, wherein:
 - a peripheral outlet from a first stator-rotor device is connected to an axial inlet in a successive stator-rotor device by means of a duct having a spiral shape comprising an initial portion and an end portion, in which a Reynolds number Ret inside said duct is higher than 5000, the initial portion of the duet being oriented in a direction substantially tangential to the circumference of the rotor; and
 - the peripheral velocity of each rotor of said stator-rotor devices ranges from 5 to 60 m/s.
- 2. (cancelled)
- 3. (currently amended) The process according to claim 21, wherein said emulsion comprises, as a continuous phase, a liquid which is inert and immiscible with said molten adduct of magnesium dihalide-Lewis base.
- (original) The process according to claim 3, wherein said inert and immiscible liquid is selected from aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons, silicone oils, liquid polymers or mixtures of said compounds.
- 5. (previously presented) The process according to claim 3, wherein said molten adduct of magnesium dihalide-Lewis base is fed to said first stator-rotor device at a weight ratio of less than 0.5 with respect to said inert and immiscible liquid.
- 6. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein in each mixing stage a residence time is of less than 1 second.
- (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral velocity of the at least one rotor disk is comprised in the range from 20 to 60 m/sec.
- 8. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the Reynolds number Rev inside said duct is higher than 8000.
- 9. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1 comprising a sequence of three

mixing stages.

- 10. (previously presented) The process according to claim 2, wherein said magnesium dihalide is magnesium chloride.
- 11. (previously presented) The process according to claim 2, wherein said Lewis base is selected from amines, alcohols, esters, phenols, ethers, polyethers, aromatic or aliphatic (poly)carboxylic acids.
- 12. (original) The process according to claim 11, wherein said Lewis base is an alcohol of formula ROH, in which R is an alkyl group containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms.
- 13. (previously presented) The process according to claim 2, wherein the molten adduct is MgCl₂·mROH·nH₂O, wherein m=0.1-6.0, n=0-0.7 and R= alkyl group C₁-C₁₀.
- 14. (original) The process according to claim 13, wherein m=2.0-4.0, n=0-0.4 and R= ethyl group.

Claims 15-23 (canceled)

- 24. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the end portion of the duct is oriented in a direction substantially parallel to the rotation axes of each rotor.
- 25. (previously presented) The process of claim 1 wherein rotation of the rotor forces the emulsion to flow from the rotor axis towards the peripheral rim of the rotor.